Amount sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh from Central Road Fund

3799. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the district-wise amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh out of the Central Road Fund, during the last three years-year-wise;

(b) whether a major portion of the amount sanctioned by the Central Government out of the Central Road Fund, has not yet been paid to Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years and for the current year; and

(d) by when the outstanding amounts would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Fund from the Central Road Fund are allocated by the Central Government to the State Governments including the State of Uttar Pradesh as a block grant. These funds are not allocated district-wise. The amounts allocated to the State during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	79.50
1993-94	100 00
1994-95	157 00

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The amounts due as per accruals are relased from year to year subject to availability of budgetary provisions and progress of the schemes sanctioned.

Allocation of funds for development of Roads in Rajasthan

3800. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme on All India basis, either in public or private sector, for the basic amenities like road development as well as construction and development of national highways inter-State roads of the economic importance and for construction of strategic roads along the border areas; particularly of Rajasthan, during 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96;

(b) if so the details thereof, indicating the Central Fund allocation out of the total budgetary provisions made this year item-wise, reportedly published in the Hindustan Times dated 2.4.95 under the news item captioned "Private sector entry in roads"; and

(c) what is the year-wise expenditure incurred during 1994-96 with present stage of progress, if any, in respect of Rajasthan, under the Central Road Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Development and Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and Annual Plans are formulated for development of National Highways and other Central Sector roads in various States including State of Rajasthan. Private Sector participation is also contemplated for development of National Highways.

(b) It is too early to indicate allocation of funds for the year 1995-96 as the demands for grants are yet to be approved by Parliament.

(c) An amount of Rs. 103.00 lakhs has been released to the Government of Rajasthan during 1994-95 under Central Road Fund. It is too early to indicate the proposed funds to be released during the year 1995-96.

Subsidy for fixing catalytic convertor in vehicles in Delhi

3801. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government to provide subsidy for fixing catalytic convertors in vehicles in Delhi to check the level of pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to provide subsidy for the same; and

(d) if so, by when and how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Auditing of accounts of National Institute of Port Management by Private Agency

3802. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Institute of Port Management set up under the aegis of Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India, accounts are being audited annually by private Chartered Accountants; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons to carry out the auditing by an outside private agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) Madras was set up on 1st February 1985 as an autonomous Society, registered under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act (1975), with a view to imparting training to managerial personnel of Major Ports and other organisations interfacing with Ports. A sum of Rs. 6 crores was granted by the Government to the Institute, for construction of building and other accessories, as one-time grant. It was, therefore; decided that the accounts of the Institute may be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for a period of 5 years, commencing from the year 1991-92. The question of the year 1991.92. The question of further entrusting the audit of Accounts of the Institute to C&AG was examined in consultation with the Department of Economic Affairs and it was decided that auditing of the Accounts of NIPM by the C&AG may be discontinued for the year 1992-93. Hence the Accounts for the year 1992-93 onwards are being got audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants.

Shortage of containers at Ports

3803 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Container Shortage hits Southern Ports", which appeared in Business Line dated the 4th March, 1995;